

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein each metal fiber thread has a larger diameter than the metal wire.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein the metal wires are woven together with the metal fiber threads.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 18, wherein the metal wires constitute the warp, and the metal fiber threads constitute the weft of the woven cloth.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein each metal wire is a monofilament wire.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein the metal wires form a smooth surface.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein a metal wire holds the woven cloth together.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method for producing a cloth, net or mesh, especially in accordance with claim 16, **characterised in that** a metal fibre thread (5 to 12) encased in a skin is woven together with a metal wire (2 to 4) to make a cloth, and the skin is removed subsequently.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 24, **characterised in that** the skin is removed with a liquid.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The method according to either of claim 24, **characterised in that** the cloth is welded to a solid body.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The method according to any of claim 24, **characterised in that** stainless steel is used for the metal fibre thread (5 to 12) and for the metal wire (2 to 4).

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): A woven cloth made from metal having a weft and a warp comprising:

- (a) a first plurality of metal wires; and
- (b) a plurality of metal fiber threads worked in between the metal wires, each metal fiber thread comprising a bundle of fibers, each fiber having a diameter less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein a section through the metal fiber thread has more than 100 fibers; and
- (c) a support layer comprising a second plurality of metal wires.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 29, wherein each fiber has a diameter less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and the section through the metal fiber thread has more than 500 fibers.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The woven cloth according to claim 22 29, wherein each wire in the support layer is a monofilament wire.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The woven cloth according to claim 23, wherein the metal wire is a monofilament wire.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A depth filtration sieve comprising a woven cloth according to claim 29.